

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-8 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 9-18 were previously withdrawn.

In the previous amendment claim 1 was amended and claim 2 was cancelled.

In this Amendment, claim 1 is amended for clarity and claims 9-18 were cancelled. No new matter has been introduced as a result of these amendments.

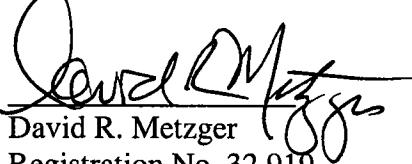
Accordingly, claims 1, 3-8 are now at issue.

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